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Dear Dr.

Been sick & nasty for some time & have been looking over your book — a master piece of research, and generally judicious (not always) It is capital & call it a Synopsis or what not the characters are long enough for accurate determination which is all that is required in such a work. The antique type makes the best Flora and I am glad to see you continue its use.

You don't well describe *Vac Elliottii* & I am sorry to find it put with *V. tenuis*, with which it has but little affinity — Yes *Achnus Sapotea* has reached Lig Vit Key but was planted there in an old garden — *Gratiola sub.* "from a lig. perennial root" no that is not it — root fibrous but the lower part of the stem woody from wh. the flower-branches spring — *Scoparia* is spreading along the R Road in Ga & C from S. Fla. cattle

during the war - *Gerardia ten-ovata* filiformis  
cannot possibly be Walt's setacea - see his  
Flora. - Now that every body has had his say here  
we can come to some determination but not now  
- Utric. just Walt - "doubtful because the fls are said  
to be small" here they are always small  
indeed smallest of all. - To Ping. junilia you  
put *P. australis* - shocking! back right out  
of that - no two more unlike & distinct

*L. Floridae* - I feel sure must be different  
although it may require special pleading to  
make out the case. *L. pul.* grows all about  
back & is out of fl & fr now (April & early May)  
so I cannot compare fresh fls with *L. Flor.* which  
will come into fl middle next month but I  
have minutely described the former & hope to  
be able to get out in June 6 miles for the  
latter and make a full comparison

This is all I had marked but I shall have  
lots to say when I feel better

*Baptisia calycosa*! undoubtedly a good species  
& no state of Lecont. nor trine. Its habit is  
that of the latter former but its affin. of the latter.

I have seen *Lecontia* with those same  
bracts (indeed I think you were about ma-  
king a B. Chap. out of one 40 years ago) but  
never with that calyx

Well your book is \$5. & mine is \$3<sup>50</sup>  
I owe you on acct \$1<sup>50</sup> - make a note of  
it

I am feeble and can't write more  
Thank you for the book - hope you may  
live to see the end of it - although like  
the excellent Elliott you may have to  
consecrate the result of your labors to the  
dead - You seem to keep better than I  
do.

Very truly

A. J. Chapman

I never could make any thing but I've  
out of this but it always is like this here

I had another one marked *Mic* (*Hedeoma Nutt*)  
*bracteolata*. Along here Nutt was ahead of Ell.  
& the latter's *Cerentheris* was not published - Nutt's  
plant since fl seems to be that. What say?